

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County
Board of Directors Minutes of**

October 22,2013

Meeting called to order by President Pennell at 5:05PM.

Present at the meeting: K. Pennell, J. Cooper, L. Maltz, J. Furman, H. Annunziata, B. Johansson, C, Gerenz, , L. Malka, Risa Marlen, Pat Fromm, Dee, and J. Walters.

Presidents Report;

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as read with no changes.

Karen Congratulated Lucy Malka on her award of excellence. Virginia Korteweg was not present at this executive meeting, but was also recognized for her award.

Also Special 25 year pins were awarded to 4 of our members, they are Janet Schulz, Nancy Bristow, Barbara Dunn and John Gallo. We are the oldest charter of the State program.

Karen asked all chairpersons to submit their committee's report to Karen as soon as possible.

Tonight the Class of 2013 will receive their Rutgers Master Gardener's pins at our meeting.

Vice President's Report

Joseph reported that the Rutgers Fall conference was a huge success, that was well attended and excellent speakers. The MGof BC table did not do as well, we gave away coffee mugs but only sold 8 books (History of Skyland's) and the hat sales were very poor. But did say he had ideas for next year.

Joseph asked for authorization to purchase upgraded software for the XL spreadsheets. He stated that the cost should be around \$130.00 or less. It was approved with show of hands.

The video of the 2013 graduating class is on the MGofBC website and on youtube.

Joseph was given the list ,by the nominating committee, for the 2014 Officers of MGofBC;

President; Joseph Cooper

Vice President; John Walters

Secretary; Susan Danzig

Treasurer; Fran Langendoen

Corresponding Sec. Serpil Leveen

Treasurers Report;

Sissel , was absent and no report was given.

Committee Reports;

Hospitality; Hank A breakfast for the class of 2014 is scheduled for Friday

October 25th The executive committee and committee chairs hosted. This is to explain there are opportunities to join MGofBC, and to tell of what we do. And invited Them to the meeting.

Programs; Tracy, coming late. Karen said for September 24th , 7:30 PM Invasive Plants within the landscape. Presented by Melissa Almendinger

Membership; Cliff, Membership now is in full swing. He will be in back of room handing out applications and collecting dues for 2014. He wanted to thank the class of 2013 for a great job at

Van Saun Park. Cliff wants everyone to know the butterfly tent and exhibit has been changed to an Australian theme with wallabies and other animals and exhibits.

Outreach: PatIt was discuss at the May meeting and bears repeating, that before any materials be distributed by Master Gardeners, that it should all be shown to Joel for his approval, and all materials should be dated and show source of information.

Gardening Clubs: Lucy reported many garden clubs are back from summer break and are getting information to her or Leslie .

Publicity :Sally Absent no report

Newsletter: Leslie, Back in attendance, we welcome her back. Paul Wax sent picture he took on last trip to Untermeyer Park. In Yonkers

Sunshine Club: Nothing to report

Trips and Tours:

Risa reported that the last trip to Untermeyers Garden in Yonkers was very enjoyable and next trip scheduled is for Green Wood cemetery in Brooklyn, which will cost \$15/pp. in advance.

Class of 2014 Report:

Waiting for liaison to be appointed.

Archivist:

Barbara found some photos of a 1997 Awards luncheon , she would like to see if any one can indentify the people in the pictures.

New Business:

A discussion was held for the location of the Holiday party of MGofBC. Consensus was Van Saun Center was getting too small, Mc Faul Center would be good, but cannot sell center pieces and it was decided to take Glen Rock AC for no charge. Date will be Tues December 10, 12:00 Noon to 2:00PM

Karen also wanted to give a special thanks to Edith Wallace for all her work in getting the 503-C tax exemption for our organization.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.